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To: Community Sexual Assault Programs

From: Stephanie Condon, Program Manager

Re: Sexual Assault Prevention Service Standards

Enclosed are the revised and updated Washington State Sexual Assault Core Prevention Standards. Over the last several months, OCVA has been working on a process to review and update these standards. We have been doing this work in partnership with the Department of Health (DOH). DOH administers the federal Rape Prevention and Education (RPE) funding in Washington, which supports CSAPs' prevention activities.

The revised standards reflect the work and input of many prevention staff and CSAP directors from across the state. Many thanks to all of you that gave helpful feedback, raised good questions, and sent us your thoughts and ideas. I also appreciate and want to thank the prevention standards workgroup that provided many valuable suggestions and ideas. Attached is a summary and highlights of the feedback we received.

WCSAP's Prevention Resource Center (PRC) was particularly helpful in the review and update process. Many thanks to Grant Stancliff and the PRC for the great prevention expertise and thinking you contributed.

The revised standards will go into effect July 1, 2010 with core services grants for fiscal year 2011. The attached standards are a complete set of core service standards that includes the three revised standards. Two are prevention standards and the first is a service and outreach standard:

- Information, Referral and Awareness
- Prevention: Community Development
- Prevention: Building Skills

Data:

We will follow up soon regarding data reporting for the revised standards. For fiscal year 2011, data reporting fields will be modified for consistency with the revised standards and will be similar to current

prevention data reporting. We will offer web trainings and individual technical assistance as we make the transition.

#### Accreditation:

If your program is scheduled for an accreditation review during the fiscal year 2011 cycle, (July 1, 2010 through June, 30, 2011), we don't know yet how the prevention proportion of accreditation may need to be modified to be consistent with the revised service standards. Please rest assured that we want the transition to these standards to be as simple and seamless as possible. We will update you as soon as possible and let you know well in advance about any adjustments that might be needed.

#### Attached Standards and Information

- [Washington State Sexual Assault Core Services Standards](#) – Complete set of revised core services standards, including the revised standards, which will be effective July 1, 2010.
- *Summary of Feedback* – Highlights of feedback received on the proposed revisions.

The following two documents may be useful resources to you. They are related to the prevention concepts that inform and guide the prevention standards. Both documents were created by Grant Stancliff at WCSAP's Prevention Resource Center.

- [Sexual Violence Prevention Considerations](#) – Highlights some of the current thinking in the sexual violence prevention field and the guidance on RPE-funded prevention approaches. It includes a link to a quick, informative 4-minute video on primary prevention.
- [Self-Directed Prevention Orientation](#) - An updated, temporary, orientation for prevention staff and managers. It is a selection of reading and online presentations that cover prevention approaches and models that are incorporated in the standards in more depth.

Please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me if you have questions about or need assistance with the revised standards. Thank you for all your work to end sexual violence in your communities.